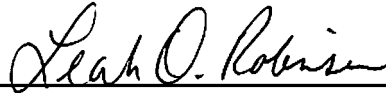


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Sir:

In response to the final office action dated March 14, 2007, and Advisory Action mailed June 7, 2007, Applicants hereby respectfully request consideration of the arguments presented in this Pre-Appeal request and request favorable action in response thereto.

This response is believed to be timely filed, as it is being filed within three months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action.

REMARKS

The invention, as defined by the currently pending independent claims, relates to a power transmission fluid and a power transmission additive composition that includes, *inter alia*, a friction improving amount of a polyisoalkylene component having a molecular weight ranging from about 300 to about 10,000 weight average molecular weight as determined by gel permeation chromatography, wherein the power transmission fluid exhibits a kinematic viscosity (KV at 100°C) of less than about 9 centistokes and a Brookfield viscosity (BV at -40°C) of less than about 30,000 centipoise, and wherein a friction versus velocity curve for the fluid has a more positive slope at high speeds compared to similar fluids in the absence of the polyisoalkylene component, and wherein the fluid has a friction drop at high speeds of less than about 0.008.

In the final office action and the Advisory Action, it was manifest error for the examiner to fail to consider all of the elements of the claims as written. None of the prior art of record discloses a power transmission fluid or power transmission additive composition wherein a friction versus velocity curve for the fluid has a more positive slope at high speeds compared to similar fluids in the absence of the polyisoalkylene component. In the Advisory Action, the examiner states that the phrase “power transmission fluid” is an intended use phrase and therefore not given patentable weight. However, according to MPEP 2111.02 II, “a preamble may provide context for claim construction, particularly where that preamble’s statement of intended use forms a basis for distinguishing the prior art in the patent’s prosecution history.” *Metabolite Labs., Inc. v. Corp. of Am. Holdings*, 370 F.3d 1354, 1358-62, 71 USPQ2d 1081, 1084-87 (Fed. Cir. 2004). Also, “Clear reliance on the preamble during prosecution to distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art transforms the preamble into a claim limitation because such reliance indicates use of the preamble to define, in part, the claimed invention.” *Catalina Mktg. Int’l v. Coolsavings.com, Inc.*, 289 F.3d at 808-09, 62 USPQ2d at 1785. Applicant’s responses of record, especially page 13 of the response submitted on May 14, 2007 and page 11 of the response submitted on December 8, 2006, clearly rely on the limitation of a “power transmission fluid” to distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art of record, and therefore such limitation should be given

patentable weight and full consideration. Accordingly, the prior art of record fails to teach, suggest, or disclose all of the limitations of the present claims, and an anticipation rejection can not properly be made.

Further, the examiner's position that a fuel composition can be substituted for a lubricant composition is erroneous and incorrect, as explained on page 18 of the response submitted on May 14, 2007 and page 13 of the response submitted on December 8, 2006.

Hence, it is improper for the examiner to have made the suggested combinations in the obviousness rejections, because there is no motivation to combine the primary reference, directed toward a two-cycle engine fuel oil composition with any of the other references, directed toward other lubricant compositions, since a two-cycle engine oil is manifestly different in function and composition from other lubricants, as explained on page 17 of the response submitted on May 14, 2007.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn, and the claims be allowed.

Fees

In the event this response is not timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for the appropriate extension of time and request that the fee for the extension along with any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper be charged to our Deposit Account No. 12-2355.

Conclusion

It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

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